(a) whether child abuses have been examined by the Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the recommendations of the commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The problem of child abuses have been examined by the National Human Rights Commission.

(b) The problems of child labour, child prostitution and female foeticide and infanticide have been engaging the attention of the National Human Rights Commission.

(c) With a view to eliminate child labour, the commission has, inter-alia, recommended, (i) adoption of appropriate legislation on compulsory primary education, matched with the necessary resources required for the purpose, (ii) early action on Central Government's proposal to amend he Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, with a view to strengthening its provisions and (iii) expeditious and effective implementation of child labour project for he glass-works industry of Ferozabad, Uttar Pradesh for which the Commission had stimulated the preparation and implementation of an integrated programme, involving the coordinated efforts of a number of Central Ministries and Uttar Pradesh Government, NGOs and others.

As regards the problem of child prostitution, the Commission has emphasized the need for taking preventive steps like cutting of the supply of children into child prostitution. The Commission has also underlined the need for according priority to the stopping of supply of children into this area alongside efforts to rehabilitate them. In particular, the Commission has favoured the provision of compulsory education, stricter enforcement of law, motivating the representatives of political parties, law enforcement agencies, grass-root functionaries, and NGOs. The Commission has also expressed concern at international trafficking in female children and stressed the need for bilateral and multilateral efforts to check it.

As regards the female foeticide and infanticide, the Commission has decided to examine all aspects of he problem in depth with a view to formulating recommendations for action. In this task, the Commission is working closely with the National Commission for Women, and the Department of Women and Child Development. It is also being assisted by the Madras School of Social Work, which is extending its study of Tamil Nadu to other parts of the country, in order to provide the Commission with the best possible research data upon which to base its views.

[Translation]

Pending Bills

3966. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI N.J. RATHVA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether many bills are pending with the Union Government for according the administrative clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the present status of these bills?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) A statement of Bills of various States for obtaining the administrative approval of the Government of India before their introduction in the State Legislatures and the date on which they were received in this Ministry is enclosed. The State Legislations call for examination by the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India and consultations with the State Governments wherever necessary. The concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments are reminded constantly to expedite their views in the matter. Discussions are also held where necessary, to expedite the clearance of the Bills.

STATEMENT

(Position As On 29-08-1996)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Date of Receipt	Name of the Bill
1.	2.	3.	4.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10-07-96	The Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
2.	Andhra Pradesh	08-02-95	The Andhra Pradesh Universities Amendment Bill, 1995.
3.	Andhra Pradesh	17-01-96	The Andhra Pradesh Buildings (Lease, Rent and Eviction) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1995.
4.	Andhra Pradesh	17-01-96	The Registration (Andhra Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 1995.

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5	Andhra Pradesh	23-01-96	The Indian Stamp (Andhra Pradesh Third Amendment) Bill, 1995.
6	Andhra Pradesh	07-03-96	The Andhra Pradesh Special Land Tribunal Bill, 1995.
7	Andhra Pradesh	22-05-96	The University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 1996.
8	Andhra Pradesh	10-07-96	The Indian Stamp (Andhra Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 1996
9	Andhra Pradesh	01-08-96	The Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) (Amendment) Bill, 1996
10	Assam	22-04-96	The Bengal, Agra and Assam Civil Courts (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1996
11	Assam	30-05-96	The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund (And Pension Fund) (And Deposit Linked Insurance Fund) Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 1996
12	Goa	15-05-96	The Goa University (Amendment) Bill, 1996.
13.	Gujarat	19-08-96	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1996
14	Haryana	03-08-95	The Indian Stamp (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 1995.
15	Haryana	31-07-96	The Registration (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 1996.
16	Kerala	09-01-96	The Travancore and Cochin Christian Succession (Revival and Validation) Bill, 1995
17	Kerala	28-05-96	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996.
18	Madhya Pradesh	26-08-94	The Madhya Pradesh Rajya Sahakari Krishi Aur Gramin Vikas Bank Bill, 1994
19	Madhya Pradesh	23-09-94	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 1994
20	Madhya Pradesh	10-04-95	The Madhya Pradesh Nagar Tatha Gram Nivesh (Dwitiya Sansodhan) Vidheyak, 1996
21.	Madhya Pradesh	12-07-96	The Madhya Pradesh Prakoshtha Swamitva Vidheyak, 1996.
22.	Maharashtra	27-09-91	The Maharashtra Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Measures Bill, 1991
23	Maharashtra	12-11-93	The Maharashtra Rent Control Bill, 1993.
24	Maharashtra	24-06-94	The Maharashtra Universities Bill, 1992.
25	Maharashtra	15-09-94	The Hindu Minority and Guardianship (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 1994
26.	Maharashtra	22-08-94	The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 1994
27	Maharashtra	27-11-95	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 1995.
28	Maharashtra	07-05-96	The Coroners (Amendment) Bill, 1996.
29	Orissa	14-06-93	The Electricity (Supply) Orissa Amendment Bill, 1993.
30	Orissa	28-07-95	The Orrisa Reservation of vacancies in Posts and Services (For Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
31	Orissa	31-07-96	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Orissa Amendment) Bill, 1996.
32.	Tamil Nadu	17-10-92	The Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
33	Tamil Nadu	22-07-93	The Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and charitable Endowment (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1993
34	Tamil Nadu	21-02-95	The Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1995.
35.	Tamil Nadu	24-04-95	The Tamil Nadu Ownership Flats and Plots (Regulation of Promotion of construction and Transfer) Bill, 1995.

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36	Tamil Nadu	30-05-95	The Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Idol Thieves Bill, 1995
37	Tamil Nadu	30-05-95	The Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Amendment Bill, 1995
38	Tamil Nadu	31-07-95	The Tamil Nadu Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Amendment and Validation Bill, 1995
39	Tamil Nadu	30-01-96	The Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Amendment Bill, 1995
40	Tamil Nadu	04-03-96	The Tamil Nadu Horticulture Nurseries (Regulation) Bill, 1996
41	Tamil Nadu	18-04-96	The Indian Stamp (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Bill, 1996
42	West Bengal	21-09-90	The West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 1989

Theft of Coal from Trains

3967 RADHA MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding the theft of coal from the trains in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to light during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The number of cases of theft reported during the last three financial years in Bihar is as under:

Year	Number of cases reported
1993-94	88
1994-95	99
1995-96	149

(c) Besides dealing with the criminals under the provisions of the RP (UP) Act, the following preventive measures are taken by RPF:

1. Escorting of block rakes carrying coal by armed RPF party as far as possible.
2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections.
3. Joint checking at inter-change points of zonal railways by RPF staff to take stock of the conditions of the wagons carrying coal.
4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
5. Dog squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas.
6. Plain clothes RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.
7. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen coal in order to bring them to book.
8. Close coordination between RPF, GRP and local Police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen coal.

[English]

Leakage in Acid Plant

3968. SHRI O. BHARATHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that leakage has appeared in the Sulphuric acid plant in Travancore Titanium Products company;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the contract for construction of acid plant was given to a private firm of Mumbai and the same did not execute it carefully; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those responsible for the present leakage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.